

Tuesday Night Men's League
West County Lanes
League Rules 2023-2024

President Roger Krull

Vice-President Kenny Hagemann

1. The league will be sanctioned by the USBC. All bowlers must be USBC members with membership fees paid by the second night of bowling. The cost for a USBC card is \$26.00.
2. The league will consist of 12 teams. The league will bowl on Tuesday at 7:00 PM for 36 weeks beginning August 22, 2023 and ending on April 23, 2024. The league will bowl with two teams on a pair of lanes. The league will bowl on lanes 1 through 18 for the first half of the season and on lanes 7 through 24 for the second half of the season. A courtesy or "buffer pair" of lanes will be left open next to the league. Except for the buffer pair, lanes not used by the league will be available to open play bowlers.
3. There will be a split season with two position rounds each half. The winners of the first half and second half will bowl each other for the League Championship in the 34th week along with Sweepstakes. In the championship roll-off, the team may field any five bowlers providing each bowler has a minimum of 36 games bowled during the season. The Championship Roll-Off will be held on lanes 17 & 18. All other teams will be randomly assigned to lanes for sweepstakes competition. Bowlers must have a minimum of 36 games to bowl in sweepstakes. Every bowler bowling Sweepstakes will pay \$21.00.
4. The 17th week is a Nine Pin No Tap Tournament. Every bowler bowling Nine Pin will pay \$21.00 on week 16 with the entire amount going to the prize fund for week 17. 9 Pin prize fund will be paid for scratch & handicap scores. A bowler may win only one prize.
5. Team rosters will be limited to ten bowlers. A bowler may not transfer from one team to another during the season without the approval of two thirds of the team captains. Only league bowlers are permitted in the bowlers' area.
6. League bowling fees are \$21.00 per bowler (\$105.00 per team) payable each night of bowling. Of this amount, \$15.00 is for the bowling center, \$5.00 for the prize fund and \$1.00 for sweepstakes lineage and prize money. An extra \$5.00 per team is due the first week to prevent League Secretary ads from appearing on their web site. All weekly bowling fees must be turned into the control desk by the fifth frame of the first game. Team captain must oversee weekly payment in full or team may be subject to forfeiture of games. West County Lanes will provide the basic secretarial and treasurer service for the league.
7. The league starting time is 7:00 PM with ten minutes of warm-up starting at 6:50 PM. Three of the team players must be present to constitute a legal line-up. If a team does not have three bowlers present by the end of the fifth frame of the first game they will forfeit that game. For subsequent games, a late bowler must be on the lane ready to bowl in his regular spot by the 5th frame. A late bowler will not be allowed shadow balls. If a team is forced to forfeit any games, the opposing team must bowl within fifty pins of their team average each game to win points.

8. Individual Pre Bowling is allowed, each bowler may pre-bowl three times each half. Pre bowling will be by reservation only. League payment is due upon completion of pre-bowl. Pre Bowling will not be allowed for Position Rounds, Roll-Off, or Sweepstakes. Post bowling will be allowed only by vote of the Board of Directors.
9. A vacant score will be 135. The blind score will be the bowler's average minus ten pins. The blind score used must be for the bowler with the most games bowled. If there are multiple bowlers with the same number of games bowled the blind score for the bowler with the highest average must be used. Only two blind and/or vacant bowlers are allowed in any game.
10. Bowlers must bowl three games to establish an average. Team standings are based on a seven point system with two points awarded per game and one point for the highest team series.
11. Team handicap will be 80% of the difference between the team average and 1100. The team average is defined as the total sum of the averages of the five bowlers on a particular night. An individual average less than 125 must be calculated as 125, the minimum league average. Any team average that exceed 1100 shall not receive handicap and, in addition, must give 100% of the amount exceeding 1100 to their opponent. For the first night, team handicap will be determined after 3 games.
12. All bowlers must have bowled at least 51 games to be eligible for individual prize money. Individual scratch and handicap prizes will be awarded. No individual may win more than one prize. An individual score with handicap may not exceed 300 for one game or 900 for series. Team awards for high single and high series may not be achieved on the same night. A trophy fund of \$100.00 will be awarded to the League Champions. A Prize Committee chaired by the Vice-President will submit a prize list including sweepstakes for approval by the team captains no later than the tenth week.
13. If all 5 bowlers each get a strike in the fifth frame of a game, the team will receive a complimentary pizza. If the same 5 bowlers all get a strike in the consecutive 6th frame, the team will receive a complimentary bucket of 5 beers.
14. The officers together with the team captains will serve as the Board of Directors for the league. For any league decision, two-thirds of the captains will make a quorum. Only team captains will vote on issues. The Vice-President will assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence. No meeting will be held to change league rules without at least two officers present at the meeting. When a formal request is made by a league member for a special meeting, the meeting must be scheduled by the officers within two weeks of the request.
15. For "Bad Weather" if the bowling center is open the league will bowl. Team captains can call the lanes at 636-227-1469 for this information. If the league session has not been cancelled, teams must show up to bowl or forfeit the games. Any cancelled league session will be added to the end of the season.
16. USBC rules and regulations shall govern any topics not covered by these rules.